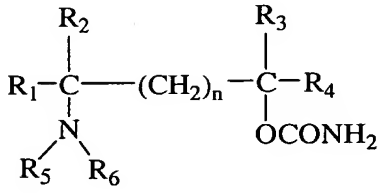
ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A process for preparing O-carbamoyl aminoalcohols represented by Formula I



I

wherein:

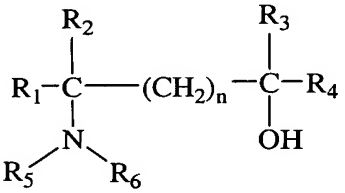
n is an integer from 0 and 5;

R_1, R_2, R_3 and R_4 are individually selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl and arylalkyl the aryl portion of which may be unsubstituted or substituted;

R_5 and R_6 are individually selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl or arylalkyl the aryl portion of which may be unsubstituted or substituted; or

R_1 and R_5 together with the carbon and nitrogen to which they are attached may form an unfused or fused heterocyclic ring having from 4 to 10 members,

comprising reacting an aminoalcohol represented by Formula II



II

wherein n, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6 are as defined;

with a cyanate and an excess of an acid in an organic solvent medium.